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## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Kathleen & Michael Szyrkarewicz RIP
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Green	8.45am Mass		Sherin & Ann in Thanksgiving
		10.00am Mass	Noreen Muldoon
	11.15am Mass		People of the Parish
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Marie Reape RIP
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		9.30am Mass
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Memorial of St Bernard, Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am Mass		Andrea Gabbey Cristofini
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope</i>		9.30am Mass	Josephine Palmer
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Mass		Sharon Hunt & Sandra Walker
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Feast of St. John Wall</i>	2.30pm Funeral Mass Confessions & Holy Hour 6.00-7.00pm	9.30am Mass	All Priests, Deacons & Seminarians Colleen Rothwell-Gilroy
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feast of St. Bartholomew</i>	10.00am Mass Confession 10.30 – 11am 1.30pm Wedding		Pat Joe Mannion  Olivia Hopgood & Delroy Nanton
Year B	4.00pm Vigil Mass		Aideen Warner-Curran RIP
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Green	8.45am Mass		Maurice Doody RIP
		10.00am Mass	K.T. Joseph RIP
	11.15am Mass		Andrea Gabbey Cristofini
		5.00pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass	Mary Flanigan RIP

**WELCOME TO MASS TODAY**, especially those who are visiting the parish during this holiday season. For those of you about to embark on a summer break, do have a refreshing and restful time.

On the noticeboard at St John's there is information regarding work that needs to be done on the confessionals. Some years ago, the PVC doors were fitted in the confessional room. Unfortunately, this work didn't have the necessary approval needed for work in a listed building, and was deemed to be out of keeping with the church architecture. Beyond that, the confessional is extremely cramped, and so the design will help to alleviate this, as well as making it compatible with safeguarding advice. The plan also includes adapting the room on the opposite side for the repository or piety stall for the sale of Mass cards, etc, which we also badly need.

All information can be found on the Catholic Historic Churches website - [catholic-historic-churches.org.uk](http://catholic-historic-churches.org.uk)

**ST. JOSEPH'S ROOF** - Plans are afoot to solve the problem of water ingress into the building. We have applied to the diocese for expenditure on this and we await their response. If we get the go-ahead for this we will display the plans for work and the costs involved. Also grant applications have been made to see if we can get help with this.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** - Before a date can be arranged for an infant or child under 7's Baptism, the parents or legal guardians must attend a preparation class. These are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST** – For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

**SOCIAL EVENT – WORLD STREET FOOD MARKET** to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Dupuis Centre. A great opportunity for our parish communities to come together and sample some of the wonderful cuisines which reflects the diversity of our parish. **Tickets available now from the parish office. £15 p.p. which includes a glass of wine or a soft drink and 4 different food dishes**

**WEEKLY GOSPEL SHARING** – For everyone, a weekly time of prayer, reflection and sharing on the coming Sunday's Gospel Reading. Beginning Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm, in the Dupuis centre.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** – The committee will next meet on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. If there is anything that you would like to be considered for discussion at the meeting, please email Nicola in the parish office. [sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk)

**PLANT SALES** – Many of you will have bought plants from the sales over the last couple of months. £254.71 was raised for church funds. A huge thank you to Ann Hughes for supplying her home-grown plants.

## **Archbishop Bernard's call to celebrate the Season of Creation -**

Archbishop Bernard has released a video ahead of the Season of Creation to encourage you to take up the opportunity which the Holy Father has given us to celebrate the Season.

He says: "As you may know this is something growing year by year as we become more and more aware of our calling as Christians to have a care for the whole of the Created world..."

"Pope Francis is asking us to think about how we care for the whole of Creation as an expression of our own Christian Faith and is referring us to St Paul's letter to the Romans, which speaks about the whole of Creation groaning, but also looking for the freedom which Christ brings us as children of God..."

**"Hope and Act with Creation** is the theme for this year, and I hope you'll be able to pray that we and others will value all that we have in creation as a way of praising God and also caring for those who are most in need."

You can find the full celebration guide as well as other prayers and resources on the Diocesan website.

**PARISH CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA** - Since arriving in Banbury, loads of people have said to me how much they would love to walk the Camino of Santiago de Compostela. It seems a good idea then to do it together as a parish; fun, fitness and faith all in one! The proposal is to do the 'English Route', (119KM from Ferrol to Santiago) during school holidays of Lent 2025 (Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April). For now, please put the dates in your diary if you're interested, more information to come in the next few weeks. Fr Sean.

**ALPHA COURSE** - Why am I here? What's the meaning of life? Ask the big questions at Alpha: beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>, a weekly course (9 weeks) on the meaning of life. Each session begins with a meal, then a video, then an open discussion. Open to all, but please especially consider inviting your non-Christian and non-practising friends and family. Please let Fr Sean know if you would be willing to volunteer for 1 week of catering. ([fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk)).

**MARY'S MEALS** –The next lunch will be on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**.

**MONDAY LUNCH CLUB** - The next lunch club is on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please join us for this monthly event where you can meet new people for good food and nice company. You must however book your space with Marilena on 07891 178920.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS** – If you watch mass from home via the webcam because you are unable to come to church, we would be interested to know which masses you follow. This will help us with future planning and to enable us to collate this information, please let the Fr. Philip know by emailing the parish office. [Stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:Stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk)  
**THERE IS A NEW WEB ADDRESS FOR THE LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES, this is [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live)**

**Please pray for the dead ...**

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, particularly  
Colleen Rothwell – Gilroy.*

*Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 18 Jerrard Misconi 2015; Mary Heath 2014; Catherina PannoZZo 1987  
19 Martin Monaghan 2022; Mary Simon 2010; Catherine Squire 1999; Percy Watts 1990; Alicia Gill 1985  
20 Mary Rose Miller 2012; Edward Darcy 2012; Ross Mary Freeman 2010; Sabrina Walsh 1990;  
Leonard Mailey 1987; James Taylor 1984  
21 Patricia Pugh 2017; Bert Fell 2015; Palmina Manning 2013; Benito Veriato 2011; Edward Brown 2002  
22 Giulia PannoZZo 2003  
23 Joseph Cashman 2018; Hazel Letherbarrow 2016; Cynthia Fallowfield 2014; Giuseppe Fragola 2014; Colin Smith 2014; John  
Wilkinson 2001; Anne Bond 1997; Mary McKenna 1996; John Kimberley 1992; John Nolan 1992; William Butler 1987; Doris  
Rawlings 1986; William Sullivan 1983  
24 Mick Hastings 2021; Bernadette North 2013; Richard George 2011; William Nelson 2003; George Russell 2000; Robert  
Dilleyston 1996; Antoni Frankiewicz 1984

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

**Please pray for the sick of our Parishes ...**

*Julie Aikenhead, Vicky Aikenhead, Deacon Henry Allen, Edward Andrews, Audrey Anthistle, Cora Barnard, Marianne Balazs, Douglas Bond, Brenda Brennan, Eileen Bristoll, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Ann Dagger, Nick Davies, Oliver Davies, Michael Evans, Alan Fitchett, Barbara Fleming, Carl Gill, Diane Greenwood, Pat Heritage, Roger Johnson, Eileen & Michael Jordan, Teresa Kurszewska, Catherine Ley, Iris Jean Lloyd, Liam Malone, Anne Nolan, Harry Rhodes, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.*

**PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS**

<b>Weekly Income: 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>ST JOHN'S</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH'S</b>
Gift Aid	£ 60.00	£ 98.00
Non-Gift Aid	£ 620.47	£ 188.85
Contactless Card	£ 118.95	£ 35.00
QR Code	£ 40.00	
June Standing Orders	£ 3158.00	£ 1245.00

**Thank you for your support.**

**GENERAL TIMES FOR SACRAMENTS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS**

<b>St. John's:</b>	Reconciliation	Friday, 6.00-7.00 pm; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am
	Adoration	Friday at 6.00-7.00 pm
	Baptisms	Sunday from 12.30 pm
	Weddings	A minimum of six months' notice is required
	Legion of Mary	Saturday at 10.45 am (Wall Room, Dupuis Centre)
<b>St. Joseph's:</b>	Adoration	Wednesday at 10.00-11.00 am
	Baptisms	Sunday at 11.30 am
	Weddings	A minimum of six months' notice is required
	Legion of Mary	Wednesday at 6.30 pm
	Youth Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6.30-8.30pm, for children Yr 7 & above.

**DONA CARD READER:**

Remember to use our contactless card reader for all your donations. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code.



**PARISH OFFICE** [The office is situated at St John's Presbytery; office hours Tuesday – Thursday, 9.00am – 3.00pm]

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**SAFEGUARDING:** The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative for St John's is Nicola Mollard; for St Joseph's, Eileen Bristoll. They can be contacted at: [sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### Collect

O God, who have prepared for those who love you  
good things which no eye can see,  
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love,  
so that, loving you in all things and above all things,  
we may attain your promises,  
which surpass every human desire.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### First reading

**Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,  
she has laid her table.  
She has despatched her maidservants  
and proclaimed from the city's heights:  
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'  
To the fool she says,  
'Come and eat my bread,  
drink the wine I have prepared!  
Leave your folly and you will live,  
walk in the ways of perception.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 33(34):2-3,10-15**

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. R/.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R/.**

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **R/.**

Come, children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **R/.**

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. **R/.**

### Second reading

**Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent  
and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you  
redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the  
will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply  
dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of  
the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing  
and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and

everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in  
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

**John 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the crowd:  
'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,  
for the life of the world.'  
Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this  
man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his  
blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive our oblation, O Lord,  
by which is brought about a glorious exchange,  
that, by offering what you have given,  
we may merit to receive your very self.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

### Prayer after Communion

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,  
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,  
that, conformed to his image on earth,  
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.